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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOMALIA

Addendum

Letter dated 14 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative
of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of
the General Assembly

Pursuant to the request made in a letter of 10 December 1992 by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Senegal for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item on the situation in Somalia (A/47/780), I am transmitting to you herewith, for distribution to the members of the General Assembly, the draft resolution adopted by the Group of African States on the matter.

(Signed) Ahmed SNOUSSI
Permanent Representative of
Morocco to the United Nations
Chairman of the African Group
for the month of December

ANNEX

Draft resolution on the convening of an
international conference on Somalia

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the tragic situation in Somalia,

Taking into account the statement made by the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity on 30 September 1992,

Taking note of relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 794 (1992),

Taking note of the outcome of the Second Coordination Meeting on Somalia, held at Addis Ababa on 5 December 1992,

Realizing that, in the absence of a representative national authority or any neutral devices for conflict resolution, the political situation in Somalia requires more active international involvement to assist the Somali people to resolve their conflict,

Convinced that lasting peace, stability and unity in the country can be achieved through a process of national reconciliation culminating in a final, comprehensive, politically negotiated settlement among all the political entities and segments of the Somali people,

Deeply convinced that a final negotiated settlement of the Somali conflict is an ultimate responsibility of the Somalis themselves,

Recognizing that the idea of convening an international conference on Somalia has gained widespread acceptance and is viewed as part of the important initiatives currently being undertaken by the Secretary-General, the Security Council and the international community to contribute to creating the conditions necessary for national reconciliation, peace and stability and for reconstruction of the national economy of Somalia,

Welcoming in this regard the efforts being exerted by the Security Council, the Secretary-General and the international community,

Welcoming also the efforts of the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the League of Arab States, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Standing Committee of the States of the Horn of Africa,

Stressing the need to coordinate the efforts being made by the international community towards the restoration of national unity, peace and the reconstruction of the national economy of Somalia,

1. Affirms the need for a comprehensive and lasting solution to the Somali crisis;

2. Welcomes the idea of convening an international peace conference on Somalia under the auspices of the United Nations and in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Standing Committee of the States of the Horn of Africa, governmental and non-governmental organizations, which would contribute to the establishment of peace and security in the subregion;

3. Recognizes that the restoration of much-needed peace and stability in Somalia must be governed, inter alia, by the following considerations:

(a) Strict observance by all the warring parties of a cease-fire under international supervision;

(b) Necessity for national reconciliation among the various factions, movements and groups;

(c) Full cooperation of all the warring parties with the United Nations peace-keeping forces following the termination of the current humanitarian operation;

(d) Establishment of a constituent assembly to prepare a constitution that guarantees to the people of Somalia the enjoyment of democracy, freedom and justice;

(e) Preparation and organization of free and fair elections in Somalia under the supervision of the international community;

(f) Solution of the problem of Somali refugees and internally displaced persons and returnees;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Organization of Africa Unity, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the League of Arab States, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Standing Committee of the States of the Horn of Africa and with the support of any other governmental and non-governmental organizations, to consider the practical modalities for convening an international peace conference on Somalia;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly during the current session on this matter.
